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Rail network along Border Areas
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals that have been approved for construction of railway lines along with the border with China, Nepal and Pakistan along with the details thereof;

(b) the status of progress of the construction of these lines and the total cost of the projects, project/line-wise;

(c) the reasons for the slow progress of construction of the strategic railway lines; and

(d) the details of other infrastructure building measures that are being taken across the international border with Pakistan and China along with the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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(a) to (d): The proposal for construction of Railway lines along China, Nepal and Pakistan border has been initiated by Ministry of Defence as a strategic line. A total of 14 Strategic lines have been identified, out of which four strategic lines viz. (i) Missamari - Tenga - Tawang (378 Km) (ii) Bilaspur - Manali - Leh (498 Km) (iii) Pasighat − Tezu - Rupai (227 Km) and (iv) North Lakhimpur - Bame (Along)-Silapathar (249 Km) have been decided to be taken up in first phase. None of these projects has been sanctioned. Since all these projects pass through very difficult terrains of young Himalayas, stability, geology, constructability, maintainability and safety issues are to be examined. Accordingly, Final Location Survey (FLS) has been taken at a cost of ` 345 Crore. For the year 2016-17, Ministry of Defence has provided ` 87.18 Crore.

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